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Golden Anniversary



50 years ago

THE E. A. GREEVERS
Of Spearman, Texas



MR. and Mrs. E. A. Greever celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Sunday, March 12, 1961 with open house from two o'clock until six o'clock in their home east of Spearman, Texas.

Hosts and hostesses for the courtesy were a son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Greever and a daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sutton.

A host of friends and relatives attended the open-house affair.

The Greevers are well known to many of the readers of the Apostolic Faith Report and to the people of the various churches of the Apostolic Faith. Their home has been a heaven for man a

weary traveler and gospel messenger.

Sister Greever has been a minister of the Apostolic Faith for thirty-eight years. She heard the gospel from pioneers of the Full Gospel, such as the Morton Sisters, Charles F. Parham, S. W. Ditto, and Sidney Waterbury. She

received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in November of 1921.

Mr. Greever accepted the Lord as Saviour six years ago and was baptised in water by his wife assisted by Bro. Kay Kerr.

We consider it an honour to congratulate these good folk on their golden wedding anniversary.

OBITUARY

IN MEMORY OF MR. AND MRS. H. L. SHORB



Pictured here are Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Shorb. This picture was taken at their Golden Wedding celebration in 1951. Brother and Sister Shorb died within five day of each other. We combine their obituaries.

Herbert Leroy Shorb was born July 6, 1881 in Stafford County, Kansas and died February 8, 1961 at Perryton, Texas.

Ethel Lena (Lieurance) Shorb was born July 5, 1884 in Stafford County, Kansas. She died in her home at Perryton, Texas, February 3, 1961.

"Herbert" and "Ethel" were born only a few miles apart but did not meet till later in life. They were married April 6, 1901. God blessed this union with eight children, six of which out-lived their parents. They are: Ray Shorb, Hardesty, Oklahoma; Glen Shorb of Hermosa, South Dakota; Gene Shorb of Grants Pass, Oregon; Mrs. Leona DeBord of Kewanee, Illinois; Mrs. Emily Brown of Hardesty, Oklahoma; and Mrs. Eva Love of Follett, Texas.

Brother and Sister Shorb were converted early in life and were Methodists. Later they heard the Full Gospel Message from the Morton Sisters and others and immediately accepted the truth and were loyal to the end. In their younger days they helped conduct revivals and preached at every opportunity.

Their home was near Hardesty, Oklahoma and surrounding county. In 1953 they moved to Perryton, Texas.

Brother Herbie outlived his wife only five days. It seemed God's good will for them to be laid at rest together to await the First Resurrection. Their funerals were conducted in the Full Gospel Church Perryton, Texas and they were laid at rest in the Range cemetery near Hardesty, Oklahoma.

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Quitman, Mississippi

the Purpose of Prayer

By the late A. B. Stanberry

This article appeared in the October issue of *The Apostolic Faith* 1931. It was reprinted in *The Apostolic Faith* 1935, in an altered form. It has been selected for this publication by Austin Morgan.

Every person has a part to preform and a place to fill in the world. Communion with God clears the mind and secures divine aid. Prayer seeks divine wisdom, and awaits divine instruction. To live in the constant spirit and habit of prayer, is the greatest achievement of the Christian life, and the greatest need of the present day. There are many needs—laborers, funds, wisdom and reform, but the need of prayer transcends them all. If only the Church of Christ could be impelled to pray, there would be an end to barrenness and failure; without fervent, effectual prayer there is no remedy.

The Ministry of Prayer

The ministry of prayer opens the door of opportunity for work, to every Christian. There is one great inlet of power into every Christian life—"Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost shall come upon you." There are five outlets, (1) our life, what we are (2) our lips, what we say; (3) our service, what we do

(4) our money, what we loose; and (5) through our prayers, the only medium through which the universal needs of the world can be touched.

We appreciate all these forms of sacred ministry. Tears of joy steal down our cheeks when we stand in holy awe before the picture of the great accomplishments of the transforming power of the ministry of the gospel. We are glad for its purifying effects in the hearts of men and nations. The ministry of sacred song has calmed the storm-tossed soul, and softened the hardest hearts. The personal lives of saints and martyrs have also ministered to the world an example of sacrifice and service too eloquent for words to utter. And the ministry of giving to worthy causes, and for the extension and upkeep of God's kingdom, has been a great outlet of power for good in the world. Yet all these beautiful pictures have their local coloring.

The prayer-life is not only one of the essential elements in all these holy ministrations, but it adds to the picture the brilliant tints of universality. The effectual prayer of one righteous man can take the wings of the Spirit, and visit the object of its ministration in any state or nation, in any case or condition, at any hour of the day or night, without permission, passport or price, and there minister to its spiritual, physical and temporal needs. We can only sing, preach, live and give where we are, but we can pray for all men everywhere.

My Mystery of Prayer

Prayer is the only medium by which we can prevail in the Spirit world. The Word of God reveals its mysteries; prayer lays hold of God and prevails. The spirit of worldliness will never be broken by strong and fiery words of censure. The powerlessness of the Church can never be cured by reproach. If the lack of prayer lies at the root of our trouble, there is no remedy but prayer.

The remedy seems sure and simple, and the need urgent and acknowledged. But the remedy is not so simple as it seems. Prayer taxes all the re-

sources of the mind and heart. We see the ease of omnipotence in the miracles of Jesus, marvelous and wonderful as they were, but of His prayers it was said, "He offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears." The mysteries of the accomplishments of prayer, is the result of wrestling in agony with breaking hearts and weeping eyes until the answer is assured. To time-serving, pleasure-loving people, it is a mystery why all those who have shared in Christ's intercessions and triumphs, have also tasted anguish and pain. They have wrestled against principalities and powers, contended with the world rulers of Satan's kingdom, and grappled with spiritual forces in the heavenly sphere.

Because of this unsolved mystery, Satan keeps his workshop running over time, turning out prayerless sermons, prayerless work and a prayerless religion. A prayerless Church is both passionless and powerless, and until prayer is restored to its place and purpose in the Church and the habit of individual believers, its impotency needs no other explanation, and its counsellors need seek no other cause. Following the teaching and examples of Christ and the apostles in prayer, will solve the mystery.

The Mastery of Prayer

Prayer is the deciding factor in a spirit conflict. Earth is the scene of this battle. Christ is the victor, and as the Captain of our salvation, will lead those who will freely give themselves over to prayer, on to certain victory. This is the Bible way of giving the Lord a new spot in the contested territory on which to erect the banner of victory,—a new footing on the enemy's soil.

Prayer is a war measure. Our adversary, the devil, walks about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers, and spiritual wickedness in high places. Nothing short of the whole armor of God will enable the Christian soldier to stand against the wiles of the devil, and quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. There

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Mid-West Youth Camp

JUNE 30th

a To July 7th

Ashland,
Kansas

The Purpose of Prayer

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is no substitute for prayer, but to pray all things are possible.

Such prayer life seems absolutely simple, but it is by no means easy. The devil sees to that. He sentinel the gateway of prayer. Those who enter must expect a fierce battle on the threshold. Satan dreads prayer. If he does not attack, he will divert.

Prayer illuminates and transforms. God teaches men to pray. He opens their eyes and they see things in His light; He touches their hearts, and they feel as He feels.

The frivolous are not sincere enough to pray. The proud are not teachable enough to pray. The worldly are too busy to pray. In order to be a victor, Jesus spent whole nights in prayer. He would get up a great while before day, and go out into the solitary place to pray. Paul, the great Gentile Apostle, fought the good fight of faith and won the victor's crown by giving himself over to God in wholehearted service day and night, "In many prayers and tears," thus keeping the way clear to the divine presence.

One hour spent in spiritual thinking, earnest communication, and patient waiting before the Lord, would do much toward making us masters of our circumstances and often save us both time and money; besides keeping our hearts young and our tempers sweet.

PRAYER REQUEST

John Honcharack, Palm City, California.

Etta M. Peters, Granby, Missouri, Rev. Murphy Barnes, Benny Buschman's daughter and Rev. Homer Allen for healing.

VBS WORKSHOP

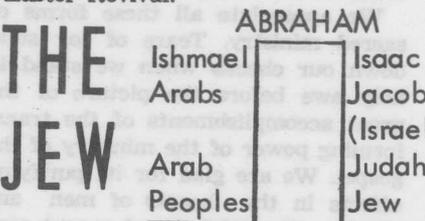
Sis. Mary Adair will be in charge of conducting a VBS workshop for the Panhandle area. "Living for Jesus" published by Standard is the material to be used. The workshop will be held April 22, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. at the Perryton Full Gospel Chapel.

PASTORAL REPORTS

BALKO, OKLAHOMA

Bro. Marcus Adair held special services with emphasis of prophetic studies.

The Floyd LaMunyon assisted by La Moyne Barker conducted an Easter Revival.



By Marcus L. Adair

WE present a brief outline. This outline will show the Jew as portrayed from a scriptural standpoint. Search out these scriptures. They are important sign-posts in the Last Days.

HISTORY OF THE JEW

Who is the Jew?

1. Root meaning of "Jew is Man of Judah."
2. Modern usage of "Jew" (since the return from Babylon): all of Israel.
Abraham was the father of the
3. Jews. Gen 21:3
Abraham was the afther of Israel—Arabs Gen. 16:15
Of Ishmael it was, "He shall be a wild man—His hand against every man—he shall dwell in the presence of his brethren"
4. The Jew or Isaac's seed to inherit the blessing. Gen 21:12
Palestine belongs to the Jew ... "A land given for everlasting inheritance." Gen. 15:18; Gen 17:8.

THE JEW IS GOD'S

TIMETABLE

1. The Jew is God's timetable, calendar and yard-stick of prophecy. The Jew is a peculiar and special people. Deut. 7:6-9
2. God promised them blessing if they obeyed. Deut. 28:1-2, 13
3. God warned of dispersion and curse for disobedience. Duet 28: 15, 62-68.
4. Because of their sin they were scattered, became a hiss and a by-word. God sent his Son for their King and they despised and killed Him. "Let His blood be on us and our Children." Matt. 27: 25.

TIPTONFORD, MISSOURI

Bro. and Sis. Ray Mitchner are preaching here.

AMARILLO, TEXAS

Bro. Neal Ragan's ministry is deeply appreciated by the people of the Church. They are planning and praying for a revival soon.

LOVINGTON, NEW MEXICO

Pray for pastor Homer Allen. He is in need of healing for an aching side. He has recently abandoned full-time work in the grocery store. He feels his services as pastor are needed too badly. Nancy Young has been of great help to the Homer Allen's. Nancy is keeping 3 small boys through the day. Pray and help these sacrificing people as they labor here.

Pamella Allen is 2 months old weighs over 11 pounds and is growing like a weed.

5. For 200 years in England he wore yellow turban to denate he was a Jew. France and Spain and almost every nation in the earth has seen "The dark Day of Jewry". U. S. A. has been a haven for the weary soul in torment.
6. God has promised that in the last days He would remember them and bring them back into their land. Isa. 11:11-12, "On wings of eagles — airplanes — boats."
7. They were to be crushed scattered and brutally beaten until the times of the Gentiles be full-filled. Luke 21:24-27.
8. When Zion was built up—the Lord would appear in His Glory. Psa. 102:13. Note: In recent days we have heard a name: Adolph Eichman. This man is accused by the people of Israel today of being the murderer of 6,000,000 Jews. Under the regime of Hitler, this man, Eichman engineered the effort to "wipe out" God's chosen people, the Jew."

Twenty times the verdict has been given: "The Jew must be erased from the earth." Yet today they stand as the greatest living testimony that God's word is true!

Sell no virtue to purchase wealth, nor liberty to purchase power.

—Benjamin Franklin.

PASTORAL REPORTS

GUYMON, OKLAHOMA

Bros. Ted Barker and Edwin Modrick conducted a week's revival. Bro. and Sis. Royce Grant helped with the music. One person was saved on the Sunday following the revival. Doyle Wiles, pastor.

GRAND SALINE, TEXAS

Bro. J. W. Elliott has moved to Grand Saline, Texas, and is conducting street services.

MIDWEST CITY, OKLAHOMA

Bro. Marcus Adair conducted a revival. One boy was saved, and crowds were good each night. The church was encouraged. Amos Harris, pastor.

SPRING VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

The pastor, Edwin Waterbury, held special services in Stockton and Modesto, California.

HOUSTON, TEXAS

God is blessing in the services at the Deckers Prairie Church. Melissa E. Corl, pastor.

ARNETT, OKLAHOMA

Bros. Ted Barker and Edwin Modrick assisted by Bro. and Sis. Royce Grant of Pampa, Tex., conducted a revival. Crowds were good. Each service closed with a good season of Prayer. Sherman Suttons, pastors.

FOLLETT, TEXAS

Bro. Robert Girouard recently held a two weeks' meeting. The people who attended were greatly benefited by his Bible lessons. Donald Dibbens, pastor.

PERRYTON, TEXAS

Bro. Marcus Adair held a revival at the Full Gospel Chapel. Jacob Regier, pastor

STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Modrick are in revival here. Bill Patterson, pastor.

IMPERIAL BEACH, CALIF.

Pastor Bob Taylor reports work is improving attendance increasing.

Plan revival with the Edwin Modricks soon.

LAVERNE, OKLAHOMA

Donald Dibbens recently conducted a singing school. A singing convention was held March 20.

ALVIN, TEXAS

Bro. Marcus Adair conducted special services here.

G. K. Kerr, pastor

ENID, OKLAHOMA

A revival was held by Bro. and Sis. Floyd La Munyon. Gene Cornell, pastor.

BELLVILLE, TEXAS

Bro. C. R. Swanson of Houston, Texas is preaching at Bellville one Sunday a month.

BIG SPRING, TEXAS

Special pre-Easter services, including dedication of the new church and parsonage, were conducted. The new church is located at 1311 Goliad St. The parsonage is at 1307 S. Goliad. R. D. Wooster, pastor.

BEAVER, OKLAHOMA

They are trying to decide on a church building. The Lowell Long's report that they occasionally see new faces.

CAMPWOOD, TEXAS

Charles Gregory is to help in the Lord's work here following Bible School.

EDNA, TEXAS

Bro. Marcus Adair held a series of services at Wayside Chapel. Steve Welsh, pastor.

DONIPHAN, MISSOURI

A revival was conducted by Bro. and Sis. Floyd LaMunyon. Larry Welsh, pastor.

BAXTER SPRINGS, KANSAS

Sis. Edna Neff conducted a choral and orchestra March 24 at the Bible School Chapel.

PROSPERITY, MISSOURI

Carl Pitts is now filling the pulpit here.

GRANBY, MISSOURI

The church is progressing nicely. Bob Palmer conducted special services March 8-12. Otto Busch, pastor

MIDWAY, OKLAHOMA

Ted Barker and Edwin Modrick held special services. Murphy Barnes, pastor.

GRAY, OKLAHOMA

An Easter Cantata was conducted March 31 entitled "Hallelujah! What a Saviour."

DALHART, TEXAS

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Moore report that efforts are being made to begin a church here. Bro. Marcus Adair conducted some special services.

PERMANENT CAMP GROUND-PANHANDLE

April 18 is the date set for ministers and church representatives of the Panhandle district to meet to decide whether to accept or to reject the offer of the "Hibbs" ground. On March 16 this group looked at this tract of ground located northeast of Elmwood, Oklahoma.

PINE HILL, ALABAMA

Sis. Travis Flowers of Perryton, Tex., and Sis. Beulah Steffen of Hardesty, Okla., recently conducted a good revival. The church was strengthened and several were saved.

Bro. and Sis. J. O. Ferry of Chicago, Ill., were there March 5. They brought a load of supplies to be used in youth camp.

The Eugene Websters plan to be there for a while after Bible School.

Harold Bollinger, pastor

TANEYVILLE, MISSOURI

Report 65 to 80 in Sunday School. Church is doing fine. The L. A. Long's write, "We need the prayers of the Movement for a coming revival at Hot Springs, Arkansas . . . a new work."

HASKELL, TEXAS

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Roberts write, "Enjoyed the Feb.-Mar. Report. Enjoyed seeing the pictures of the ministers, although the Whiteley's, the Schultz's and the Regier's were all we know personally."

STEELE, MISSOURI

The Floyd LaMunyon's were recently in a series of special services here. George Hintergardt, pastor

KATY, TEXAS

Bob Cooper conducted a good revival. Some were saved. Harold Waterbury, pastor.

BAYARD, NEBRASKA

Jack Barker conducted a revival. A. B. Stanberry, pastor

PANHANDLE MINISTERS ASSOCIATION met at Bryans Corner for their monthly meeting. Plans were made for the VBS workshop. Plans for youth camp in this area were discussed.

TRI-STATE MINISTERS MEETING was held at Galena, Kansas, with both ministers and laymen present. Plans for youth camp were discussed, and construction was planned. It was decided that class shelters be built by the individual churches.

RALLS, TEXAS

Bro. Donald Dibbens conducted a singing school in February. The instruction has proved to be a blessing. We plan to begin a meeting Easter Sunday night with Bro. Marcus Adair. Austin Morgan, pastor.

OPEN FOR CALLS

Bro. Bill Allen, 7640 Greenwood Boulevard, Denver 21, Colorado.

Friends of Christ

BY LOIS ALLEN

Dear Boys and Girls:

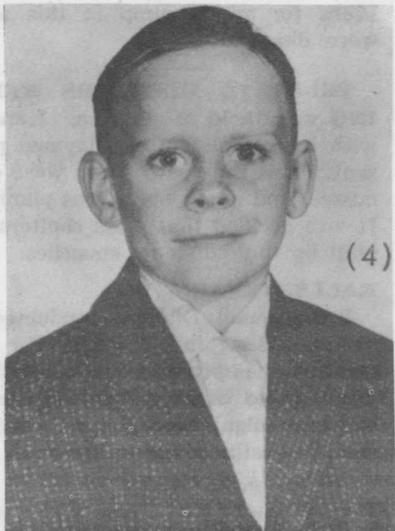
Did you ever notice the name of this "Children's Page"? Yes, it is called "Friends of Christ." Why do we think of you boys and girls as Jesus' friends. We know that Jesus is your friend. When he walked on the earth he took the little children and blessed them. If Jesus is your friend, then we want you to be His friend too. Here are a few pictures of Friends of Christ. Do you know them? See if you can put the right name by the right picture. Send us your picture. We will try to print it too.

Your Friend,
Lois Allen



CAN YOU PUT THE RIGHT NAME UNDER EACH PICTURE?

Deryl McClenagan, Judy Stumpf, Joanie Ray, Dewayne Wilkerson, Lois Allen, Gwen Newman, Jan Stumpf.



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YOUTH PAGE

The Teen-Ager Who Fleed

By JERRY McCLENAGAN

"How can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" (Gen. 39:9) Joseph asked this question. He felt he could not commit this sin—the kind of sin we are warned about in Colossians 3:5, which J. B. Phillips translates as follows:

Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, dirty-mindedness, uncontrolled passion, evil desire.

Billy Graham wrote: "There's nothing wrong with sex, and the Bible adopts no 'hush-hush' attitude on the subject. But the wrong emphasis on sex has affected almost every phase of life today—movies, plays, books, magazines, advertising. This great creative energy should be dedicated to God . . ." Outside the marriage union it is "perverting a high purpose into a low passion!"

Teen-agers are constantly being brought into contact with these twisted views of sex, love and marriage. Over 15 million copies of "sex magazines" are sold every month, most of them to young people college age and below.

You ask, "What does that have to do with me?" Now I know I'm not, as a whole, writing to an immoral bunch of teen-agers. But an early warning may allow you to intercept this missile of temptation that Satan is firing to the teen-agers of the world!

I believe you want to be a chaste teen-ager like Joseph! Joseph "Fleed from sin! And you are asked to "Flee youthful lusts!" (II Tim. 2:22) So when it comes to what you read, or see, or where you go with your friends, or the suggestions that often arise from wrong associations, . . . **turn your back on them and run!** Or, as J. B. Phillips translates the above verse, "Turn your back on the turbulent desires of youth!"

You must flee the presence of sin both physically and mentally! One has said: "Sow a thought, reap an act." Keep your thoughts pure and you'll keep your life pure. St. Augustine said: "An evil thought passes thy door first as a stranger. Then it enters as a guest. Then it installs itself as a master." Perhaps the fol-

lowing story from *Lookout* will be of help:

Once a pirate ship's captain came aboard a large commercial ship and asked to see the captain. They quickly went into secret conference. The pirate proposed that the captain and his crew turn pirate, promising them riches. The captain thought over the proposition for quite a while, and finally told the pirate he would not accept his offer. The pirate left immediately. The captain soon left his cabin office and came out on deck. He prided himself in his strength of character in declining the pirate's offer. But he immediately sensed confusion among his crew. He asked what was wrong. One of the sailors explained that they watched outside the cabin during the conference of the captains since they feared for their captain's life. They were troubled because the conference took so long. During this time the pirates slipped onto the ship and robbed the hold of the cargo and treasure. The captain had taken too long to say No!

Temptation should receive a quick "No" from us! Don't let an evil thought linger, but immediately thrust it out as a stranger to you as a Christian. Or, better yet, let Christ take care of it. One has said, "When temptation knocks at your heart, let Christ answer the door!"

It is written of Joseph: "The Lord was with him." So remember:

1. He is with you whether you are conscious of His presence or not. So let your conduct and your thoughts be such as would please Him.

2. He is with you to strengthen and help you if you will but commit your entire life unto Him and trust Him to keep you.

3. He is with you with blessing and joy if you are faithful to keep your heart and life pure for Him.

Ask yourself this question when Satan tempts you to sin: "**How can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?**"

The Gospel is TNT, but it has to be touched off.

YOUTH RALLY REPORTS

Tri-State

The Tri-State District Youth Rally was held in Granby, Missouri, Monday, February 13. There were several special numbers including two musical selections by the AFBS band. The sermon was by Bro. Bill Allen.

Dixie Crusaders

The Dixie Crusaders for Christ met February 3 at Hinton, Alabama. Pine Hill won the Attendance banner. Sermon was by Bro. Leon Smith.

Mid-Panhandle District

There was good attendance at the March Rally held at Perryton, Tex. Balko received the attendance banner. All enjoyed the good choir numbers from "Chapel Chimes" Sis. Elmer Russell brought the message.

ONALASKA, TEXAS, YOUTH CAMP

June 19-23

Seven miles north from the intersection of farm to market road 356 and Hi-Way 190 at the Trinity River bridge between Huntsville and Livingston. For further information contact: E. W. Dickson, Box 5117 Golden Acres, Texas.

IDENTIFICATION TO CHILDREN'S PICTURES ON PAGE 6

- (1) Deryl McClenagan
- (2) Jan Stumpf
- (3) Judy Beth Stumpf
- (4) Gwen Newman
- (5) Joanie Kay Ray
- (6) DeWayne Wilkerson
- (7) Lois Allen

If you do your best today, you will do even better tomorrow.

Nothing cooks your goose quicker than a boiling temper.

MIDWEST YOUTH CAMP June 30 (noon) through July 6 (noon) Committee: Jack Cornell, Lowell Long, Jerry McClenagan, Jim Wallis Ashland, Kans.

TRI-STATE YOUTH CAMP June 22 (noon)—29 (noon) Committee: M. V. Methvin, Otto Busch, Bob Cooper, Onal Nunn, Vill Hollis and Ray Mitchner, Baxter Springs, Kansas.

the Doctrines

By Gail W. Schultz

IN THE November, 1960 issue of the Apostolic Faith Report, we brought you Part I of "The Doctrines Expounded." This is the second and final installment of this particular series. In the November issue we brought the first three steps in the plan of Salvation: (1) Enlightenment, (2) Conviction, (3) and Repentance. These three steps explained how that light came to us from God, how that the Holy Spirit convicted man of his need of salvation, and how that Repentance was necessary (both to God and to man) to bring us to Conversion. Conversion is commonly referred to as Salvation.

In this installment we will continue our study of the plan of Salvation with these three steps: (4) Conversion, (5) Consecration and (6) Sanctification. Although the final step in the plan of salvation is "The Baptism of the Holy Spirit" we will not cover it in this particular article. At the present time, Bro. Lloyd A. Schimpf is running a good series of articles on the subject so it would be superfluous for us to do it also.

CONVERSION

Up to this point we have seen the steps toward Salvation or Conversion. First "Enlightenment" came from God, Next Conviction also a work of God, but through the Holy Spirit, which is then followed by Repentance which is not an act of God but the act of man in response to the Conviction of the Holy Spirit. The result is Conversion.

The Apostle Peter told the crowd at the Beautiful Gate, "**Repent ye therefore, and be converted**, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord." (Acts 3:19) In John 12:40 we discover that Jesus taught that seeing with their eyes and hearing with their ears would convert them. David in the Psalms extolled the Word of God by saying, "The law of the LORD is perfect, **converting the soul: . . .**" and the Lord Jesus emphasized this truth, by saying, "Verily I say unto you, **Except ye be convert-**

ed, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." (Matt. 18:3).

When the sins of the past are washed away to be remembered not again . . . When the Spirit of God witnesses that the work is done . . . When faith has grasped God's promise of mercy . . . When one's name has been recorded in the "Book of Life" in heaven . . . This is Conversion! This is Salvation!

CONSECRATION

We refer to Conversion as the first definite work of Grace. The reason for this is that Sanctification is also a definite work of grace, but it of necessity must follow Conversion which would make Sanctification the "Second Definite Work of Grace." Neither the work of Salvation nor Sanctification can be accomplished without Faith. Romans 5:1-3 shows that we have **access by faith** into these graces.

Like as Repentance on the part of man is necessary to open the door to Salvation or Conversion, so Consecration on the part of man must precede Sanctification.

Consecration is that act whereby a thing or person is wholly given to the Lord. This, to be used in the temple, religious service or to be subject to the command of the Lord. Consecration is more of an Old Testament word than New. Hebrews 7:28 informs us that Jesus was consecrated forever. By His death He opened up or consecrated a way for us . . . that is . . . forever we may enter in, or until the close of this age.

Only that which is living can consecrate, so that the sinner cannot consecrate for God does not accept a dead sacrifice, but we are to offer our bodies a living sacrifice: "I beseech you therefore, brethren . . . **present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God,**" (Rom. 12:1). We are to do good, a sacrifice pleasing to God: "By him therefore let us **offer the sacrifice of praise** to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. But to do good and to communicate

forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."

When we come to the Lord we should give ourselves to Him, time and talent and earthly store, so that all is at God's disposal . . . for His purpose and joy. The real thing that the Lord wants is YOU. Other things will follow and fall in line. The most precious possession is life, and when we give our lives to the Lord we can give no more or greater. Some one has said that personal consecration means **purse-and-all**. Of this we are sure, to withhold from the Lord . . . to take off the altar . . . to reserve something from the Lord means that we are placing a shadow or "god" between us and complete surrender. This will never do. It becomes a block to spiritual growth, closes the door to Sanctification and hinders faith and prayer. An "**all-out**" for the Lord gives free access to the highway of holiness.

In Matthew 16:24, Jesus gave a challenge of consecration by saying to his followers, ". . . If any man come after me, **let him deny himself and follow me.**" In Matthew 4:19 He said that He would make "Fishers of men" of them if they would follow Him.

SANCTIFICATION

There is nothing so great, so wonderful and so powerful as the Word of the Lord. With its story of complete salvation there is a revelation of His will for us to be sanctified.

Sanctification is an instantaneous work. It is not a growth, however we may grow in grace and in holiness. Because some feel that perfection should be reached as the work of sanctification begins, they stumble at His Word. If once the thought that sanctification is only the beginning and not the ending of our walk in holiness, I feel that much grief and misunderstanding will be eliminated.

Sanctification means to set apart and to separate from sin. It is to dedicate to a sacred and holy purpose. It is a work of the blood of Jesus. It was for this reason that

Expounded

PART TWO

he suffered without the gate, as we read in Hebrews 13:12, "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered without the gate."

We are commanded to present ourselves to the Lord in a holy manner as was pointed out in the paragraph under Consecration. This is indeed the will of the Lord as we learn in I Thessalonians 4:3-4, "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour." We are to abstain from the appearance of evil, in order to be preserved blameless before the Lord at His coming. "Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very God of peace, sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

What all happens in sanctification my depend upon the individual to a certain extent. One may go "all-out" for the Lord and another have to learn obedience by the things suffered. A sad state is the one that was "once completely consecrated and on fire for the Lord" that turns to worldly pleasures; the forgetfulness of church attendance and support; to walk in a cold indifferent manner. Another pitiful sight is to see one who is bound by the word of form, so that the clothes, manner of dress and eating habits rule the life more than joy of serving and of service.

Even in eternity, there will be a difference, for while the souls with the work of conversion or salvation have passed from death to life, the ones that have put on the grace of Sanctification will have a right to the "Blessed and Holy" class that are raised from the dead when Jesus comes again. They are to reign with Him for one thousand years.

Without a doubt, there is a place of hiding for the ones that press into this holy place during the great time of trouble when the Anti-Christ will reign. Many doubt this, but I feel

that we have Bible proof that God has always set a seal upon His elect when it became necessary. He did not suffer the flood to take every-body, He did not let all the Jews die in bondage and He parted the Red sea for them.

Trust in the Lord and by faith claim your sanctification at the end of consecration. The giving of yourself is your part. The making holy and setting apart or sanctifying is God's part.

From that time on, walk as little children in meekness and obedience and the Blood of Jesus will keep that which is committed to the Lord: "... for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." (1 Tim. 1:12). God asks for your life now... not bye and bye. The willing shall eat the good of the Lord. Possession is for those whose faith is strong and whose courage is firm.

Sanctification is the work of grace that purifies, cleanses, and readies the temple for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. The Bible teaches us that Jesus sanctified himself that his followers would be sanctified. We read a part of His prayer in John 17. "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

CONCLUSION

The Holy Ghost is manifested in great measures throughout the plan of God's salvation for man: (1) He enlightens, (2) He convicts, (3) He witnesses to the work of salvation, (4) He convicts of the need of cleansing and sanctification, and (5) He witnesses that the work of Sanctification is done. But the fullness of the Holy Spirit is not made manifest until the Christian believer receives the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

MY PRICELESS TREASURE

By Susie Page
(Matt. 6:19-20; Isa. 33:6; I Pet. 1:4-5).

Tell me not of earthly treasures,
Lands and houses, gems and gold,
Honour, fame, or worldly treasures,
Ne'er to its "hopes" unfild.
There's tear-dimmed eyes and disap-
pointments,
Weary hearts and many a snare,
Lies in wait through vain achieve-
ments—
Souls deceived . . . so unaware.

I have found a Priceless Treasure,
One that fadeth not away;
'Twas not bought with gold or silver,
But it cheers my soul each day.
Do you ask, Where did I find it?
(Oh, the story, 'tis so sweet!)
Bowing low in deep contrition,
'Neath the Cross at Jesus' feet.

You may, too, obtain this Treasure,
For the Rock was cleft for you;
He has no respect of persons,—
"Whosoever" means you, too.
Born of the Spirit, washed in the
blood,
Heirs of God, joint-heirs with
Christ;
Dipped in the healing, cleansing flood
Brings joy and peace—pearls of
great price.

Exhaustless riches of mercy and
grace,
Unsearchable riches of wealth un-
told
Are stored for needy, sin-sick souls—
Precious, more precious than gold.
Visions of rapture beyond I can see,
When earth's trials are over for
you and me;
We'll rest from our labors, be hap-
py and free,
Where Eternity's Treasures will
opened be.

If your temple has been cleansed through the blood and you are sanctified. Seek God for the promised Comforter, the Holy Spirit which He promised would come to those that believed.

Within this issue is the second installment of an article entitled, "The Baptism with the Holy Ghost." Be sure to study this article with the preceding installment in last month's issue.

God bless you

EDITORIAL

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But now what about being UNKNOWN? This is another lesson. We may not consider ourselves unknown. But are we? Oh, I do not mean Unknown by some Post-Office personel I mean Unknown in the real sense. Are we unknown to God?

The scorching words of the master when he told the story of His eminent return in Luke 13:24-30 (we refer to verse 27): "But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are: depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity."

Your Servant in Christ
Jacob C. Regier



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Correction does much but encouragement does more. Encouragement after censure is as the sun after a shower.
—Goethe.

the Baptism with the Holy Ghost

BY LLOYD A. SCHRIMPF

THIS is the second and last installment of Brother Lloyd A. Schimpf's good article, "The Baptism with the Holy Ghost." Brother Schimpf's mailing address is: Box 405, Kings Mill, Texas. Editor.

THE HOLY GHOST UNHEARD OF

Twenty Years after that great day of Pentecost, 59 A. D. we read "Paul . . . come to Ephesus; and finding certain disciples, he said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard, whether there be any Holy Ghost." (How strange for devout people to be so near by, yet unaware of this great GIFT OF GOD, even as it is today) "And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptised? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptised with the baptism of repentance saying unto the people that they should believe on Him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the HOLY GHOST came on them; and they spake WITH TONGUES and prophesied. And all the men were about twelve." Acts 19:1-7

These were disciples and believers, but badly instructed, insufficiently taught, and as a result their experience was in default. The Word says they were disciples and believers, but without the Holy Spirit.

These disciples were honest. They did not turn around and try to teach Paul. They did not argue that they had received the Baptism, they did not try to convince Paul that what he had was from the devil. They were convinced that they had not received the Holy Ghost.

Paul did not belittle their first experience. He showed them that it was preparatory, pointing to the goal.

And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

It was not taking it by faith. The Holy Ghost was anxious, willing to communicate Himself, to fill those hungry hearts.

"Oh but," you say, "there is no word in the epistle to the Ephesians about being baptized in the Holy Ghost and speaking with tongues." They did not need a letter explaining or expounding it. They had the living letter. All that Paul had to do in the epistle was to tell them to be continually filled with the Spirit, to have an overflowing experience, to follow the experience of heavy drinkers of wine, and be heavy drinkers of the Spirit (Eph. 5:18.)

ACCOUNTS OF ALL BAPTISMS ARE NOT RECORDED

An account of Paul's baptism in the Holy Spirit is given in Acts 9:17; but it does not even intimate that he spoke with tongues as if that would be anything unusual. But Paul in comparing himself with the unruly Corinthians, writes to them: . . . **I thank my God, I speak with TONGUES more than ye all.** ("I speak" and not "I have spoken") **YET IN THE CHURCH I had rather speak five words with my understanding that by my voice I might teach others also; than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.** (1 Cor. 14:18) and continuing writes verse 23. "In the law it is written, **With men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear Me saith the Lord. Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not . . . If therefore the whole church become together into one place, and ALL SPEAK WITH TONGUES** (an impossibility with most churches of today) and there come in those that are unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad? verses 21-23. "And forbid not to speak with tongues. Let all things be done decently and in order" (39 and 40) "I would that ye all spake with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied." 1 Cor. 14:5.

FORBIDDEN NOT TO SPEAK WITH TONGUES

"I would that ye all spake with tongues." I thank my God, I speak with tongues more 'than ye all,' "Forbid not to speak with tongues" (1 Cor. 14:5, 19, 39)

He that is spiritual judgeth all things. A spiritual person will discern this is an injunction of and by the Lord. It is not a phantasy of the so-called "tongues people." They did not put it there. Nor did King James. The higher critics and lower critics, and every other critic cannot explain it away. Don't argue with us, postpone your argument until you meet Paul and argue it out with him, and he will refer you to the passage already quoted.

"If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord." (Paul)

THE SIGN OF TONGUES

In all the above mentioned cases the speaking with tongues was not the 'blessing' that was sought for at all; nevertheless the INDWELLING HOLY SPIRIT manifested Himself in that manner every time, regardless of location, nationality or number. They spoke with tongues "as the Spirit gave them utterance." They became hilariously joyful, even as it is today speaking with tongues and, magnifying God; causing even Peter to exclaim "These men are not drunken as ye suppose," and years later Paul writes "Be not drunk with wine wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit." Acts 2:15, Eph. 5:18

THE CURSE ON A MONEY PROPOSITION

"Phillip (One of those filled with the Holy Ghost, Acts 6:3-5) went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ unto them. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Phillip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did, . . . When they believed Phillip preaching the things concerning

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the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ they were baptized, both men and women . . . Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the work of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: Who when they were come down prayed for them, that they might receive the HOLY GHOST. For as yet He was fallen upon none of them; only they were baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus. Then laid they their hands on them, and THEY RECEIVED THE Holy Ghost." (Acts 8:5-17)

"And when Simon (a convert) saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands, the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost. But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter; for the heart is not right in the sight of God. Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee. For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity." Acts 8:18-24

After their Holy Spirit baptism upon some were bestowed gifts of prophecy, some of healing, some the interpretation of tongues; while some the discerning of spirits, while some were so filled with the Spirit as to be overflowing so much so that others coming in contact with them were filled with the Spirit of God, even as Jesus explains. "He that believeth on me, out of him shall flow rivers of Living Water. This spake He of the Spirit, which was not then given." But sorry to state no one was immune from temptations of the evil one. It is the time for greater sacrifice and humility even as the Spirit gave one the message in Topeka. "God's people should pray for more humility." Christ was tempted after the Holy Ghost had come upon him. Paul had to write very severe letters to Spirit-baptised Christians. Moreover, the epistles to the church-

es in Revelations show the power of Satan at all times.

The Holy Spirit is not a 'make believe' falsehood where one just believes he's got it, and he has got it. He is of God.

THE HOLY GHOST'S MISSION

In 1 Cor. 14:2, we read "He that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto man but unto God, for (note here "no man") no man understandeth him; howbeit, in the Spirit he speaketh mysteries." In verse 5 Paul says, "I would that ye all spake with tongues." He surely must have meant "all." Then he added, "but rather that ye prophesied for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues (so many stop here, but Paul added) except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying." How many interpretations are being given these days, and when interpretation is given, who can say prophecy is greater? The Corinthian believers could receive and give interpretation, why not the believers of today? In verse 13, we are especially told to pray that we may interpret.

In verse 14, Paul says, "If I pray in an unknown tongue my spirit prayeth but my understanding is unfruitful." Did Paul stop praying in the unknown tongue because his understanding was unfruitful? Positively no, for in verse 15 he said, following this, "I will pray with the spirit (unknown tongue) and I will pray with the understanding also." He said "I thank my God I speak with tongues more than ye all." He must have spoken in tongues a great

deal, for apparently the Corinthians did considerable speaking in tongues themselves, since so much regulating was required.

In closing this chapter, Paul sounds a warning, saying, "Forbid not to speak with tongues." How many need to heed this warning. If the exhortations to the Corinthians are not to be heeded by us today what scriptures are?

STEWARDSHIP

I bought gasoline; I went to the show;

I bought some new tubes for my radio;

I bought candy and peanuts, nut bars and ice cream

While my salary lasted. Life sure was a scream.

It takes careful spending to make money go around,
One's methods of finance must always be sound.

With habits quite costly, its real hard to save;

My wife spent ten "bucks" for a permanent wave.

The church came round begging, it sure made me sore!

If they'd let me alone, I'd give a lot more.

They have plenty of nerve! They forgot all the past!

I gave them a quarter the year before last.

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